

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the Abstract of the Invention at page 22, lines 5-10, and replace as follows:

Disclosed is a method for computing payment discounts awarded to winning agents in an exchange, said the method comprising ~~computing~~ including a Vickrey discount to each said of the winning agent as the difference between available surplus with all agents present minus available surplus without said the winning agent, and computing said payment discounts by adjusting said the Vickrey discounts so as to constrain said the exchange to budget-balance.